



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 142***

LCO No. 253

Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Children

Introduced by:  
(KID)

***AN ACT CONCERNING A PERFORMANCE AUDIT OF THE  
DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2002*) (a) The Auditors of Public Accounts,  
2       in consultation with the Office of Policy and Management, shall issue a  
3       request for proposals for an independent performance audit of the  
4       Department of Children and Families, including its facilities, to be  
5       completed by October 1, 2003. The auditors shall contract for a  
6       performance audit that includes, but need not be limited to:

7       (1) An assessment of the programmatic and financial management  
8       responsibilities and competencies of the department and  
9       recommendations for any immediate or ongoing changes in  
10      management practices or responsibilities designed to improve  
11      performance while maintaining financial efficiencies;

12      (2) An examination of the governance structure of the department  
13      and recommendations for any changes in such structure to ensure that  
14      policies and services are integrated across the divisions, facilities and  
15      regional offices of the department;

16 (3) The need for a crisis response team composed of designated  
17 managers who would have the ability to gather information quickly,  
18 take corrective action and provide status reports when a crisis such as  
19 a child's death occurs; and

20 (4) An assessment of the adequacy of the state and community  
21 resources available to the department to carry out its responsibilities  
22 and recommendations for resource development or reallocation of  
23 resources, as appropriate.

24 (b) The auditors shall report, in accordance with section 11-4a of the  
25 general statutes, on the results of the performance audit to the joint  
26 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
27 matters relating to human services and the select committee on  
28 children by December 1, 2003.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2002</i>

***Statement of Purpose:***

To require the Auditors of Public Accounts to contract for a performance audit of the Department of Children and Families.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*